

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-6. *(Canceled)*

Claim 7. *(Currently Amended)* A seat belt extender, comprising:

a flat, elongate strap of limited flexibility, having a first end and a second end opposite said first end, wherein said strap is formed of synthetic fabric webbing material;

a male seat belt latch tongue comprising a single flat plate and an aperture extending through said plate, said latch tongue adapted to install removably within a conventional anchor receptacle of a conventional seat belt anchor component, said latch tongue being immovably affixed to and extending from said first end of said strap; and

a female seat belt latch receptacle immovably affixed to and extending from said second end of said strap, said female seat belt latch receptacle adapted to receive the latch tongue of a conventional seat belt and shoulder harness assembly; and

a non-removable, generally stiff, semi-rigid cover that coats or impregnates said strap;

wherein said seat belt extender will stand upright when attached to said conventional seat belt anchor component until a lateral force is applied to said seat belt extender.

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Claim 8. *(Canceled)*

Claim 9. *(Currently Amended)* The seat belt extender according to claim ~~[[8]]~~ 7, wherein said cover is selected from the materials consisting of rubber and plastic.

Claim 10. *(Canceled)*

Claim 11. *(Original)* The seat belt extender according to claim 7, wherein said strap is between one inch and eight inches in length.

Claim 12-16. *(Canceled)*